

Appl. No. 09/613,468

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The present application was filed on July 10, 2000 with a filing fee of \$690.00. It is respectfully requested that the excess fee of \$345.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Favorable action on the present Request is respectfully requested.

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